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STILL KEEPING HUNS ON RUN

PARIS, Aug. 29.—(10 A. M.) French troops are fighting in Noyon, according to reports received from the battle front early today. The town, which now forms the apex of a sharp salient, is heavily defended by machine guns. It is already outflanked from the northwest.

Speeding up their advance, the French have enlarged their hold on the west bank of the Somme canal over a wide front south of Peronne. The German retreat is reported to have been precipitated at some points last night.

There is every indication that the enemy retreat will not halt before it reaches the entire Hindenburg line, altho the Boshes are resisting tenaciously in the vicinity of Noyon. Fall of that town, expected hourly, will remove the last strong defence before Guiscard, five miles to the north, it is believed.

In the dry canal east of Nesle the fighting was extremely heavy. A huge amount of material was captured in that region. North of Soissons the Germans are clinging to dominating positions at Cuffies (a mile and a half north of the city) and Juvigny (where American troops are operating).

The Germans are reported to be greatly strengthening their positions in St. Gobain forest (between the Oise and the Ailette), which is regarded as already among the best defence on the west front.

NOYON, GERMAN BASE, CAPTURED

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Aug. 29.—Noyon was occupied this morning by the troops of General Humbert.

The fall of Noyon comes as a heavy blow to the Germans, who were thought, during the early days of the Picardy offensive, to be planning to hold Noyon as the southern pivot of their line which runs northward along the old battlefield of 1916.

MORE THAN 10 MILES HINDENBURG LINE IS IN BRITISH HANDS

LONDON, Aug. 29.—The Germans are now fighting with their backs to the Somme.

In their advance yesterday the French swept forward an additional six miles on a front of about 25 miles, capturing 40 villages and reaching the new German defenses on the Somme from Cizancourt, five miles south of Peronne, to the vicinity of Noyon. Part of this line is formed by the Somme and the remainder by the North Canal.

Joining this operation on the north the British made an appreciable advance on both sides of the Somme—where it flows in a westerly direction—capturing Curlu, north of the river, and reaching the line of Herbecourt, four miles west of Peronne, and Fresnes, five miles south of Herbecourt, south of the river.

British troops also continued their progress between Bapaume and the Scarpe, capturing Croisilles and advancing to Vaulx-Vrancourt, five miles northeast of Bapaume. More than 10 miles of the Hindenburg line is now in British hands.

The French, operating along the Oise, captured Suzoy, Pont L'Evêque, Vauchelles and Porquericourt, approaching to within about a mile of Noyon on the west.

Between the Oise and the Aisne American troops repulsed several counter attacks near Juvigny, four miles north of Soissons.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF WAR

British and French continued their successes on the western battle front the past week, advancing their lines and capturing numerous towns, thousands of prisoners and great quantities of war supplies. To the British over the 30 miles of the fighting zone from the Coquel river, southeast of Arras, to Lihons, south of the Somme, numerous towns have fallen and enemy territory has been penetrated to a depth of several miles. Where the French are fighting, between the Matz river and the territory north of Soissons, additional goodly gains have been made in the envelopment of Noyon and the general maneuver which seeks to crush or drive out the Germans from the salient between the Somme and the Ailette and to put into jeopardy the entire German line running through the Rhems. The British are now menacing the town of Bapaume, where the Germans are offering their most desperate resistance.

During the week the British have taken more than 17,000 prisoners, and large numbers of guns and great quantities of supplies also have fallen into their hands. Some of the prisoners taken have been identified as coming from Austro-Hungarian units. Notwithstanding the fact that the Germans have brought up large numbers of fresh reinforcements in an endeavor to stay the progress of the allies, their efforts have been without avail. Where they were able momentarily to hold back their oncoming foes the Germans finally were forced to cede the ground demanded.

They are being pushed back toward the old Hindenburg line. As yet there has been no movement by the Germans along the Vesle river to indicate that a retirement toward the Aisne is in immediate prospect. The Americans and French in this region continue to heavily shell the enemy's back areas. Farther east in the Vosges region the Americans are keeping up their patrol activity against the enemy. The Americans also are busily engaged in bombing German points behind the line.

Aug. 27.—The English launched a new offensive from the east of Arras on the Scarpe river and southward to the Coquel. All along the front the British pressed forward at places to a depth of more than two miles and captured a half dozen or more villages, among them Monchy-le-Preaux, Guenappe and Wancourt. Additional gains also were made by the British east of Albert and on both sides of the Somme river. The French in the day's operations against Roye took 600 prisoners.

Aug. 28.—Between the Somme and the Oise the French have broken the backbone of the German resistance at Roye, capturing this pivotal point to an invasion eastward of the plains of Picardy and advancing their lines north and south of the town over a front of 12½ miles to a depth of more than 2½ miles at certain points. In the region around Arras the British now are well astride the roads leading to Douai and Cambrai, and farther south along the Somme they have pressed forward until they are almost at the gates of Peronne.

USUAL HONOR TO DEPARTING LADS

Rockford citizens again had charge of the exercises that took place at the court-house park last Monday previous to the departure of the 41 selecta for Camp Taylor, Ky. Mayor Jackson, of that village, acting as master of ceremonies, called the assembled hosts to order, the Red Men's band furnished the music, and Rev. Downing delivered the invocation. Rev. L. E. Ames followed with an able and patriotic address, in which he took occasion to appeal to the boys going to camp to remember father, mother, sister and sweetheart and the fine influences of home, the yearning hearts that wait for them wherever they may be called to serve.

Each lad was presented with a comfort kit by the Red Cross and the Rockford Commercial Club seen that each got the customary gift. Another pleasant feature of the lads' entertainment followed the exercises at the park, when they were invited to the Fayette candy kitchen and served with ice-cream.

Leo Schaefer, of Rockford, was the only select who failed to answer roll-call. He was ill with fever, but will join the contingent to Camp Taylor as soon as he is fit to make the trip.

The contingent was officered by Carl Schultz as captain, Earl Morningstar as first lieutenant and Eldon Bair as second lieutenant.

31 MORE LADS FOR CAMP NEXT WEEK

The next contingent of Mercer county boys will leave next week for Camp Sherman, probably on Friday. This quota will be made up entirely of youths 21 years of age, as follows:

Walter Viereck
Urban Fox
Jacob Hole
Charles Pierstorff
Constantine Fecher
Alfred J. Schindler
Joseph Fisher
Harry Reinders
Roman Vonderhaar
Dallas Stephenson
William Stoll
Glen Lichty
Raymond Stachler
Leo Nieberding
Joseph Buscher
Clarence Hamilton
John Ellis
Otto Dicke
Harry Kruger
Fred Overman
Herschel Kettinger
Alva Cole
Homer Richard
Elmer Dixon
William Bockner
John Vantress
Philip Hess
Garrett Hamilton
Edward Hines
Oscar Heffner
Carl Brehm
Theodore Oppenheim
Joseph Pierce
Simpson Fisher

One hundred and twenty-eight of the 221 twenty-one-year-old registrants have sent in agricultural or industrial claims to the district draft board at Findlay for classification. Forty-four questionnaires have been returned by the registrants in the above list, which will be sent to Camp Sherman, were taken from the questionnaire list.

58 BOYS REACH MAN'S ESTATE SINCE JUNE 5

Fifty-eight Mercer county boys have become of age since the June registration according to the enrollment made Saturday. County Clerk of Courts Hasinger acted as registrar. The names of the lads are:

Bryan Baker, Celina
Paul Johnson, Celina
Robert Goodwin, Elgin
John C. Boehmer, St. Henry
John Homan, St. Henry
Dee Now, Celina
Frank Zitzelman, Celina
Ivan Byers, Willshire
John Kramer, St. Henry
Dillon Hatery, Celina
Russell Small, Mendon
Kollo Roebuck, Mendon
Fred Buchner, Rockford
Edward Tobie, St. Henry
Edward Braun, Ft. Recovery
Clarence Lime, Celina
Clois Spahr, Burkettville
William Binkley, Rockford
Aloys Waberbusch, Maria Stein.
Lawrence Bauer, Celina
George Brehm, Rockford
Hugo Nickam, Chickasaw
Frank Krall, Willshire
Eugene B. Rkmyer, Lima
Edward Kessen, Lima
John Allen, Coldwater
Constant Schwietzman, Celina
Emory Grim, Celina
Edward Homan, Chickasaw
John Doll, Ft. Recovery
John Seifring, St. Henry
William Dock, Celina
Clarence Teeters, Celina
Charles Spicer, Celina
Raymond Walter, Coldwater
Roman Schuch, Celina
Lawrence Traxler, Ft. Recovery
Homer Hinder, Celina
Razzie Springer, Celina
Fred Timmerman, New Weston
David Breyermyer, Ft. Recovery
Rudolph Strab, Celina
Leo Hecker, Coldwater
Hugo Baker, Rockford
Homer Brown, Mendon
Frank Brown, Celina
Albert Voke, Rockford
Robert Stanley, Irvine, Ky.
William Cannon, Celina
Theophilus Hurd, Carthage
Earl Granger, Ft. Recovery
George Stein, Celina
John Duncan, Celina
Lester McGilvery, Mendon
Ralph King, Rockford
O. L. Real, St. Marys
Samuel Preston, Celina
Leo Buxton, Montezuma

Weekly Newspapers Given Another Push

Give us your ear once more, old friends, and help us out of a hole. The government is again after country weekly newspapers. The publishers have been trying to get their lists on cash basis, but the old credit system has been hard to overcome, notwithstanding the fact the bulk of our subscribers always pay in advance. The most of the remainder paid some time during the year. Under the new law this time is so limited as to be of no use, as these readers generally paid at taxing paying time, June or December.

The new order of August 21, laid down by the war industries board, contains one rule among the 15 that hits us and many of our old readers, the others pertaining to the further conduct of the paper directed solely to the publisher. The rule that puts the papers on a what might as well have been on a cash in advance basis follows:

"2. No publisher may continue subscriptions after three months after date of expiration, unless subscriptions are paid for."

We are given, if we understand the law, until September 15, in which to comply with the rules of the board. The only thing left for us to do is to cut off those now in arrears, no difference how long or short the time, and collect the bills now due under former rulings and the postal laws governing debts previously made. We hope our readers understand the dilemma we are in and act accordingly and promptly. Otherwise we must part company.

The Government has said to country publishers as plain as it can be stated, go on a cash basis or quit.

Now as to Delinquent Subscriptions

While this order in regard to subscriptions would seem to automatically annul subscriptions running on and after September 15 unpaid, in no way does it interfere with the collection of what is due us on subscription up to that date. Here is the law applicable to this case, as handed down in decisions of the United States Court on the subject:

"Subscribers who do not give express notice to the contrary are considered as wishing to renew their subscription."

"If the subscriber order a discontinuance of their publication, the publisher may continue to send them until all dues are paid."

"If the subscriber refuses to take periodicals from the postoffice to which they are directed, he is responsible until he has settled his bill and ordered the paper discontinued."

"If subscribers move to other places without informing the publisher, they are held responsible."

The courts have held that refusing to take periodicals from the postoffice or removing and leaving them uncalled for is prima facie evidence of intention to default.

If subscribers pay in advance they are bound to give notice at the end of the time they do not wish to continue taking it, otherwise the publisher is responsible until express notice with payment of all arrearages is sent to the publisher.

ARE YOU FOR OR AGAINST?

Now that the candidates of both political parties for the nomination of Representative to the next State Legislature have been selected, the question of their position on the only vital domestic question before the people at the November election is desired and can't be dodged. We refer to the ratification of the National Prohibition amendment. The Legislature to be chosen this fall is confronted with this issue, and its membership will decide its fate.

The people of the county have a right to know where their Representatives stand—for or against. No ifs and ands go. The Democrat wishes a plain statement from the county's candidates for Representative. It is up to Mr. Huber and Mr. Brookhart.

C. C. CARLIN, Editor Democrat.

BROOKHART UNEQUIVOCALLY FOR RATIFICATION

Celina, O., August 26, 1918.

Dear Sir:—Replying to your request in last week's issue of your paper for a statement from the candidates for Representative to the General Assembly of Ohio, from Mercer County, as to their position on the question of the ratification of the National Prohibition amendment, I beg to state that I am in favor of the ratification of the above named amendment and will vote for it if the opportunity ever presents itself.

Hoping this statement is unequivocal enough to meet your requirement, I beg to remain Yours very truly,

E. J. BROOKHART.

LIMITED SERVICE MEN GO TO CAMP TUESDAY

Four limited service men will be sent to Camp Sherman next Tuesday. They are Herbert Sudhoff, of Toledo; Gregor Pallenkamp, St. Henry; Frank Donahue, Mendon, and Don Clark Snyder, Ft. Recovery.

Earl G. Drake, of Mendon, left yesterday morning for Columbus barracks to enter the engineering corps. He was included in the list of limited service.

TEACHERS MEET GREAT SUCCESS

The Mercer County Teachers' Association, in annual session here this week, is having one of the most interesting meetings in its history. The enrollment is near the 150 mark. The lecturers are getting generous attention and their messages are falling in fertile ground. The world has done much to accustom the need of a broader and fuller education and the speakers are driving home the thought with corresponding energy. The meeting is indeed proving an epoch in institute work and The Democrat regrets it has been unable to chronicle its daily sessions.

COMMUNITY SOCIAL AT MONTEZUMA TOMORROW

The proceeds from the community social to be held at Montezuma to-morrow will be used to help reach Franklin township's quota of the fund being raised to complete the community house at Camp Sherman. The committee has planned several special features, one of them a miscellaneous booth at which will be sold painted plants, hyacinths and tulip bulbs, fancy work, canned goods and almost anything you can think of. The community house is a real home where the friends and relatives of our soldier boys find board, room and entertainment when visiting them. Lend your support to the community house by attending the social to-morrow.

Ex-Auditor T. A. Weiss was notified of the death of his brother, John Weiss, of Belleville, Ill., Saturday just as he was leaving with his family for a vacation at Glen Lake, Michigan.

NORTHERN TOWNSHIPS ONLY ONES INTERESTED IN FAIR

From the awards in the premium lists of the Banner fair one would conclude there was little interest or none taken in it by the people of the south end of the county. This shows mostly in the boys' and girls' contests. In pig and poultry contests this was true. In the girls' home-making and sewing contests, given below, the awards speak that way.

Following are the winners in the sewing contests:

Girls under 14 years—Amy Grim, Union township, first, \$4; Miss Felver, Dublin township, second, \$3.

From 14 to 18 years—Mary Townsend, Center township, first prize, \$4; Mary Lininger, Celina, second, \$3; Florence Grim, Union township, third, \$2.

The prize winners in the home-making contests were:

Maomi Smith, Jefferson township, first prize, \$4; Virtue Wilson, Hopewell township, second, \$3.50; Bernice Beougher, Jefferson, third, \$3; Amy Grim, Union township, fourth, \$2.50.

Family Reunions

The annual reunion of the Dehays and Now families was held at Edgewater Park yesterday.

The third annual reunion of the Small family was held at the country home of Walter Nutt, southwest of Rockford, last Sunday. Eighty-five members and friends of the family were present.

The family of Mrs. Mary Dickman held a pleasant family reunion at the Gast club house last Sunday. The venerable woman, now past four score years and ten, was surrounded by 31 children and grandchildren.

Some Bird, Alright

Simon Schendelbird, of Frankfort, Ind., who came here to sample our bug juice, was arrested Tuesday afternoon and caged on the charge of disorderly conduct. At a hearing in the police court Wednesday he was assessed \$5 and costs, the present prices for common and pampered drunks.

THE GRIM REAPER

Walter Thomas, the five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thomas, of Robinson, Ill., died at the home of his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Thomas of this city, last Tuesday. The child, with his parents, came here for a visit only a week before its demise, and it took suddenly ill the day after the family arrived here, turning a joyful occasion into one of sorrow and gloom. The parents and grandparents of the little one left for Illinois Wednesday with the remains.

Jacob Wendell, aged 69, a well known and respected farmer of Liberty township, died at his home there on the 19th inst. He was in his apparent good health and was getting ready to come to the fair when suddenly stricken with paralysis, and died in a few hours. The deceased is survived by two daughters and three sons—Mrs. Lewis Baucher, Mrs. Bollenbacher, and Otto, Lewis and Edward Wendell, all residents of Liberty township.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Liberty church, Rev. Lewis Egger conducting the service.

Mrs. Henry Gels, aged 75 years, a well known and highly respected pioneer woman, died at her home at St. Henry last Sunday after a protracted illness. She is survived by her husband and four sons and three daughters.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning from the St. Henry Catholic church.

Mrs. Anna Sielschot, of Center township, was in town Tuesday on her way to Bryant, Ind., for a visit with her sister, Mrs. C. L. V. Kelly.

Rev. Reitz and family returned from Ft. Wayne, Ind., Tuesday, where Mr. Reitz was attending the annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran joint synod of Ohio and neighboring states.

GET WORK IN SUGAR FACTORY

Get work in sugar factory, an essential industry. Season starts about Sept. 25. Secure your place now. See or write T. H. Turnbull, Columbia Sugar Company, Paulding, O.

The Legislature and Ratification

Ohio brewers and liquor dealers are not sincere if they claim the defeat of the ratification of the National Prohibition amendment as the result of the legislative primaries on the 13th. The fact is, the House will be for ratification by a good margin, regardless of the result of the November election, while the situation so far as the Senate is concerned is far more favorable for ratification than against it.

In a few instances the dyes did not do as well as they should, because so many of them remained away from the primaries, but on the whole, the results are most satisfactory to the dry forces. No wet will stake anything of value on the chance of defeating ratification. In fact, it will be no surprise to those best acquainted with the situation if the ratificationists win with comparative ease in both branches.

And yet this is no time for the dyes to boast of what will happen next winter. The primaries are over; now comes the marshaling of the forces for the battle in November. The preliminary skirmish has ended satisfactorily, but final victory has not yet been achieved.

Let it be distinctly understood that in counties and Senatorial districts where the nomination of both parties are known to be favorable to ratification, the dry organization will neither aid nor oppose either Republican or Democrat, but in every instance where a known ratificationist has for an opponent an anti-ratificationist, the dyes will support the former and oppose the latter, regardless of the politics of either.

So far as the dyes are concerned, it must be understood there will be no compromise. The dyes are out to defeat men who do not favor ratification of the Federal dry amendment, and they will use every legitimate means to bring about their defeat. This is the crucial battle of the war against the liquor traffic, and the dyes will not ask for quarter, neither will they give quarter.

The prohibition forces of Ohio have worked patiently and persistently many years for the opportunity which is now theirs. They have driven the liquor traffic from trench to trench until, like Germany—the traffic's ally—it is on the defensive, driven into a corner, and the dyes now have the power as well as the disposition to finish the job. This is the work to which they will now address themselves, and they expect to complete the task on the 5th of November.—The American Issue.

Budweiser Did This

[Chicago Labor Leader.]

The Busch million that went into German war bonds and was used to poison the wells of information in this country all came from Budweiser.

You, I and millions of other Americans have contributed directly or indirectly to the Busch millions. We have furnished the money with which treachery and treason have been financed.

We have built the Busch castle on the Rhine and have made the name of Busch famous in kaiserdom for its luxurious surroundings and support of Hun institutions.

Buying Budweiser has done this—maybe more. Perhaps the Busch war bond million has bought bullets for the Boches to kill our American boys.

We are a tolerant people. Budweiser is still selling and many of us are still buying it.

If we do not drink beer, the Busch family supplies us with Bevo.

Bevo, Budweiser and Busch are all the same. They suggest treachery and should be put out of business.

Local Briefs

Miss Mary Langel, one of the most successful grade teachers in the Celina public schools, has accepted a position in the junior high school at Fostoria as a special history teacher.

Supt. Younger, of the Third Supervisory District, announced that the schools Center, Hopewell, Jefferson and Franklin township will open next Monday, and urges all pupils to enroll on the opening date.

Miss Emma Karr has accepted a position in the war risk insurance department of the Federal government at Washington at a salary of \$1,000 per year. She has been a faithful employee in the local postoffice the past few months.

Mart Duffy and Carl Brown, of Van Wert, and Eli Neuschwander, of Portland, were given \$5 and costs Saturday for being drunk and disorderly. Ed Cook, a local celebrity, in the police court for about the thousandth time, was given \$25 and costs for refusing to labor. Cause, booze, for which the people of Celina are responsible. It takes this way of damning its product.

Many people wonder why an American flag doesn't fly from the high tower of the fine new elevator of Palmer & Miller, on W. Logan street. One would surely look good from that quarter of town. We don't believe it would hurt Polar Bear business any.

The printing of Clerk Winter's annual report was awarded to the Standard Printing Co. It will be printed in the usual pamphlet form.

Another attempt will be made to sell the old fire team and harness on the 7th inst.

PEOPLE GIVEN WHAT THEY WANT

A 20-year franchise and \$1.40 gas has no terrors for Celina people. If the meeting of the citizens of the city building Monday night is an exhibit of their desires. Taking this as their cue, council Tuesday night passed the ordinance demanded by the Lima Gas Co., and instead of 50-cent natural gas we will soon be enjoying Philanthropist Cartin's \$1.40 naturalized gas. Paste this in your hat.

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IN CUPID'S DOMAIN

Miss Anna Kaus and William Forsyth, popular young people of Celina, were wedded at the Catholic church here Tuesday morning, Rev. August Haller performing the ceremony. They were attended by Miss Mary Schunck and Charles Metzner, intimate friends of the couple. At the conclusion of the service the wedding party were served with breakfast at the residence of Supt. and Mrs. Andrew Schunck at the infirmary, where the bride has long been an able assistant of the matron at that institution. Both have a host of friends that wish them the best in married life. Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth left Tuesday for a short honeymoon at Cincinnati, and after their return will be at home to their friends in their new bungalow on North Mill street. Congratulations.

Miss Sarah Luree Newcomb and Glen W. Lyle, well known young people of the north end of the county, were wedded at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oran Newcomb, last Monday evening. The ceremony was witnessed by a large number of intimate friends of the young people and was performed by the bride's pastor, Rev. Ely. The bride is a teacher by profession, and will teach in the public schools at Buckland the coming term. The groom is a young business man of Rockford, who soon expect to be called to the service.

Miss Josephine Burch and Philip A. Ramsey, both young people of this city, were wedded at the local Presbyterian manse on the 22nd, Rev. Horn performing the ceremony, which was witnessed by Wm. J. Burch and Mrs. Emma Bauer, the father and sister of the bride.

Following were the winners in the boys' and girls' pig-growing contest last week at the Banner fair and the amounts of the premiums awarded:

Harold Ricketts, of Hopewell township, first prize, \$10.

Harold Brookhart, Hopewell township, second prize, \$9.

Lavina Hall, Center township, third prize, \$8.

Glen Brookhart, Hopewell township, fourth prize, \$7.

Arthur Hansel, Hopewell township, fifth prize, \$6.

In the boys' and girls' poultry contest Hopewell township won two of the three prizes, and a glance at the contest above would make one think Hopewell was acting the 'pig.' The poultry winners were:

Kenneth Webb, Center township, first prize, \$8.

Hilda Roediger, Hopewell township, second prize, \$7.

Harry Roediger, Hopewell township, third prize, \$6.

The prizes for the best Grange displays went to Neptune and Montezuma, the former getting first.

ANOTHER WAY TO ADJOURN POLITICS

[Mercer County Observer.]

In order to adjourn politics during the October Liberty loan drive, the county Republican committee men elected Tuesday of last week met Saturday afternoon at the Observer office and organized for the coming two years, as follows:

H. F. Drury, Celina, Route 4, Chairman of Central Committee; Secretary, F. E. Gilberg.

The elective committee elected is as follows: Harry McDaniel, Ft. Recovery; E. E. Risen, Mercer; F. E. Gilberg, Celina; Wm. A. Hamilton, Union township; H. F. Drury, Center township; Wm. Wiley, Coldwater; George Yanev, Celina, Route 5; L. E. Springer, Montezuma; J. Z. Riley, Celina. H. F. Drury was elected chairman and F. E. Gilberg, secretary-treasurer.

Four vacancies on the central committee were filled, as follows: Burkettville, Hosea Birt; Granville, Aaron Jones; Jefferson, R. A. Riley; Celina, Fourth Ward, Ora Koser.

The county advisory committee organized with A. A. Piper, Celina, president, and J. M. Hale, Celina, as secretary.

The entire committee includes G. A. Reuter, Ft. Recovery; Anthony Kleinhenz, Maria Stein; Albert Buxton, Montezuma; C. F. Morvillius, Coldwater; John A. Wilson, Hopewell township; C. C. Pixler, Rockford; A. H. Barber, Mendon; J. W. McKee and Geo. F. Weber, Celina, and the president and secretary above mentioned.

Sure Pays to Raise Good Horses

Perhaps nobody wears as broad and permanent smile as a result of the fair as our old friend John Stillbarger, the well known horsebreeder. There's a reason. John exhibited a five months-old stallion colt that won the sweepstakes over all ages. The colt was sired by his famous stallion Martin. Not only this, but an expert from the Ohio State University who looked the young animal over declared it to be one of the most perfect to come under his observation. As a result, he was authorized to purchase the colt for the O. S. U. The consideration was \$800. Some price, eh?

GRANGE PICNIC SEPTEMBER 7

The Granges of Mercer county will hold a free-for-all picnic at the fair-ground at this city on Saturday, Sept. 7. The names of the speakers will be given next week. Besides, there will be games for little folks, band and other music, and recitations and a big basket dinner on a table some hundreds of feet long. Oh, boy!

There will be a meeting of Neptune Grange this (Friday) evening.

WINNERS IN POULTRY AND PIG-GROWING CONTESTS

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